

In re Appln. Of: Rob Klein  
Application No.: 09/871,828

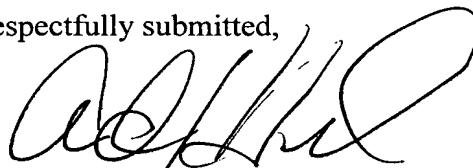
*REMARKS*

The final Office Action dated April 8, 2004, has been carefully considered. In the Office Action, the vast majority of the claims were either allowed or indicated to contain allowable subject matter. While Applicant disagrees with the rejections over the prior art, the Office Action is final and Applicant would like to have a patent issue now to avoid patent term erosion. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claim 1 without prejudice and reserves the right to prosecute that claim and other dependent claims in a separate divisional application. Claim 4 has been amended to independent form to include all of the base limitations of claim 1 and the other rejected dependent claims 2 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 4 (claim 3 depends on claim 2 which depends on claim 4). Accordingly, the prior art rejections are moot. Therefore, no issues remain in the present application such that a Notice of Allowance is now appropriate. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

*Conclusion*

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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